

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Patrice DEBREGAS *et al.*

Title: DEVICE FOR COATING  
GRANULES TO BE  
ADMINISTERED ORALLY

Appl. No.: 09/582,871

Appl. Filing Date: 08/09/2000

Examiner: S. Tran

Art Unit: 1615

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
Box RCE  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

- ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on \_\_\_\_ but not considered.
- ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_.

b. Enclosed are:

☒ Amendment/Reply.

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- ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Form PTO-1449 with copies of \_\_\_ listed reference(s).
- ☐ Other .

**Miscellaneous:**

- ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e)				\$740.00	\$740.00
Total Claims:	49	46	= 3 X	\$18.00	= \$54.00
Independents:	4	3	= 1 X	\$84.00	= \$84.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:			+ 1	\$280.00	= \$280.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					= \$1,158.00

- ☒ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$400.00	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$920.00	*\$810.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,440.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$1,960.00	\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$810.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)		\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:		\$1968.00

**\*An extension fee for response within the first month was previously paid.**

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,968.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-

dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date April 15, 2002

By Stephen B. Maebius

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Customer Number: 22428

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